

The Director of Central Intelligence

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Dear Jim,

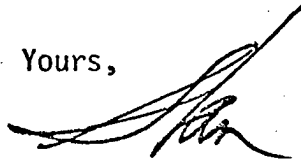
As 1978 draws to a close, I want to express my appreciation not only for your support as Comptroller but for your advice and counsel as friend. Your ability to see the larger issues and to set problems in perspective is something I treasure. Looking way back, it was your advice that colored my approach to the reorganization of the Community more than anything or anyone else--and someday we'll get all the way there!

I count your steady hand and influence throughout the Agency as one of our most valuable assets. I look forward to creating opportunities to expand the range of your imprint in 1979. In the meantime, I thank you for your inspiration, guidance and support.

Pat and I send New Year's wishes to you and Nancy and so look forward to being together personally and professionally in 1979.

Thanks.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Stansfield Turner', written in a cursive, flowing style.

STANSFIELD TURNER

Mr. James H. Taylor
Comptroller